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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **True Heroes of the City:** The [Chongqing mountain fires](#) have gained a lot of attention on Chinese social media. Following all-night efforts by volunteer firefighters and professional firefighters to put out a wildfire on Friday, the issue received at least one billion views on Weibo. Thousands of Chinese volunteers joined forces in the struggle to put out the fire, making it a group effort. Many patriotic photographs were published by People's Daily, including a view from above of the mountain fire and the rescue operations. Fighting fire with fire is a major tactic employed to contain the developing wildfires in Chongqing. On social media, the firefighters are referred to as nìxíngzhě, which translates as "the ones going against the tide." People's Daily created a Weibo hashtag page specifically for this unique and occasionally dangerous method of controlled burning.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- A plasma in-situ imaging detector will be mounted on the extravehicular platform of the [Wentian](#) lab module. On July 24, the Chinese spacecraft Wentian, which means "quest for the heavens" in English, was launched into orbit. One of the crucial tasks to guarantee the security of the manned space programme is to monitor the space environment. To investigate the ionospheric plasma environment surrounding the International Space Station, China has created a detector. The ionosphere, where the Earth's atmosphere meets the densest plasma in space, is where the space station is located. The detector can be used to find plasma in outer space and between planets. To map the entire ionosphere, it may also cooperate with the satellites Zhangheng 1 and L-SAR 01.

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- In order to entice and support young talent, Guangzhou's Huangpu District and Guangzhou Development District have implemented new initiatives. The major objectives of the measures are to stimulate entrepreneurship, introduce projects, educate, encourage innovation, and foster cooperation and trade. Young citizens of Hong Kong and Macao who work there will get one-time living subsidies ranging from \$3,000 to \$15,000 from the local government. To assist young people from Hong Kong and Macao in starting enterprises in Guangzhou's Huangpu district, new policies give genuine incentives. A high-tech industry hub in the province of Guangdong includes the district. Information technology, artificial intelligence, and pharmacological development have been prioritised.
  - The government of Bangladesh issues an order to stop construction of an elevated bus line. Recent fatal accidents involving the project include a section collapse that claimed the lives of five persons. Five people died after a girder smashed into their automobile, and a Chinese contractor has been forced to assure safety. This month, an automobile was crushed under a girder that was being built for the rapid bus transit line project. He claimed that workers did not have the required safety equipment and that the construction site was improperly fenced off. The fatal occurrence last month wasn't the project site's first accident.
  - China has detained a Tibetan man for possessing a picture of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's foremost Buddhist spiritual leader. India deploys military helicopter to fly Dalai Lama from Leh to remote village amid stand-off with China. Strike Hard Campaign is an effort by the Chinese government to target advocates of separation from China.
  - The US still imposes tariffs on Chinese imports from the Trump administration, but specialists in the field claim that these harsh levies are no longer relevant. A wider decline in Western demand brought on by rising prices and a lack of stimulus payments could have significant effects on China's economy. Even if the US continues to retain additional import duties on a variety of Chinese goods, insiders in the market claim that these have mostly lost their economic value and have become entirely political. They assert that the bigger issue is declining Western demand, which is mostly caused by fewer orders and supply-chain interruptions. Exporter of pet products Wang Shui claims to be in the midst of his worst financial crisis in thirty years. Because of how drastically the demand has decreased, Chinese exporters claim they are thinking about making layoffs. Untold numbers of Chinese business people are troubled by the status of relations between Beijing and Washington.
  - China has constructed almost 1.97 million 5G base stations, making up the largest 5G network in the world. Three years after it was first granted, the nation's 5G commercial licence has seen record-breaking base station expansion and ongoing advances in crucial technologies. More than 70% of 5G users globally are in China. China has made advances in critical 5G technologies, including technological
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innovation. There were 677 mobile devices among the 1,334 models of 5G devices that were available as of April this year. The nation is anticipated to ship 266 million 5G phones in 2021, an increase of 63.5 percent from the previous year.

- According to Australia, military patrols in the South China Sea will continue. The action, according to analysts, may make it more difficult to strengthen relations with China. Australia alleged in May that a Chinese fighter jet had intercepted a P-8 surveillance plane flying over the disputed waters. Beijing has refuted these assertions and charged the Australian military with acting in a "provocative" manner. According to analysts, China is likely to view the comments as "belligerent" and harm Australia's relations.
- Belt and Road Initiative(BRI) puts developing nations on the right track to achieving development goals, scholar says. While developing nations view BRI as their best chance for growth, Western countries view it through a geostrategic lens. At the Illinois Institute of Technology's Stuart School of Business, Khairy Tourk teaches economics. According to Tourk, China has tried its utmost to assist struggling nations, and this includes providing "rescue" loans to numerous BRI nations. He claimed that Western nations view the BRI from a geostrategic perspective. Long-term, borrowing will be necessary for developing countries until their economies are productive.

## INDIA WATCH

- For most of the world, Dalai Lama is a Buddhist spiritual leader, a beacon of peace and freedom. But for China, he's a wolf in sheep's clothing and a separatist leader who is held responsible for the self-immolations that Tibetans still carry out in protest. Earlier, Dalai Lama landed in New Delhi. This is Dalai Lama's first visit in three years. In response, New Delhi emphasised that the Dalai Lama was treated as an honoured visitor in India per the Government of India's consistent policy. The newest action was taken by New Delhi to convey a tacit but explicit message to Beijing. Beijing was irritated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's phone call to the Dalai Lama on his 87th birthday last week. It requested that New Delhi not use the Tibet issue to meddle in China's internal affairs. But India hasn't. Tibet, like Taiwan, is a highly sensitive subject for China that it does not want any open debates, and China disapproves of any interaction between the Indian government and the Dalai Lama as well as any activities involving Tibet or Tibetans in general because it sees the Dalai Lama as a leader of the separatist movement. This visit by Dalai Lama should not be seen in isolation, but it must be seen in the border concept. In the midst of the ongoing border tensions between India and China, earlier this week, foreign minister Jaishankar talked about the Galwan clashes, which have substantially enhanced their weaponry and defence systems at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The showdown in Taiwan, Nancy Pelosi's visit may have been uncalled for, but it was
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undoubtedly lousy for China. The matter of their warning was openly ignored, and their claims of sovereignty were dismissed, so it was a sensitive time for Beijing. In the coming weeks, we may anticipate more vehement Chinese rhetoric and actions along the LAC amidst the 15th iteration of the joint military exercise Yudh Abhyas between India and the U.S. will take place at Auli in Uttarakhand, less than 100 kilometres from the LAC, which coincides with the 60th anniversary of the Sino-Indian border war.

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